

LOCAL PROMISING IDEAS AND PRACTICES

Asotin/Garfield LPA – CORE Team Meetings for At-Risk Teens: This LPA formed a sub-group with their K-12 system to increase support for the youth of TANF parents, many of which are at risk of becoming TANF parents themselves. This group meets bi-monthly and addresses the intensive service needs of at risk youth in the community. This partnership includes school district leadership, but the juvenile court system, law enforcement, non-profit organizations, the Boys and Girls Club, YWCA, treatment centers and health districts. The focus of each meeting is to discuss particular kids who are “at risk”. The group is designed to wrap support services around the youth and the entire family to increase success in school and life. Together they have also been successful in writing grants to bring needed resources into the community to provide services to this population.

Partners: Listed above.

Program Impacts: Great community support and awareness of “at risk youth” in the community and the services needed to help them.

Resources: Leveraged time and support

Policy Changes: None

Benefits: A focused approach to look at the entire family and what can be done to help the youth be successful in school and life.

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Skagit County LPA – Countywide School District LPA Outreach: In Mt. Vernon, the WorkFirst partners decided that they wanted to focus on keeping teens in school through graduation to help increase their chances of staying off TANF themselves. The school district is a great partner and increasing their awareness of the services in the community designed to help low-income families helps them better address issues with the youth in the family. Their participation in the partnership has helped case staffings get a richer picture of what is going on with the entire family.

Partners: DSHS, Skagit Recovery, DCS, Skagit Valley College, Pacific Institute, WorkSource Skagit, ESD, Upper Skagit Tribe, Work Now Services and the EDC of Skagit County.

Program Impacts: Great community support and awareness of families in the community and the services needed to help them.

Resources: Leveraged time and support

Policy Changes: None

Benefits: A focused approach to look at the entire family and what can be done to help the youth be successful in school and life.

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